

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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§ Group Art Unit: 3672

Serial No.: 10/789,631

§ Examiner: **HOANG C. DANG**

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Title: "ANNULAR PRESSURE RELIEF COLLAR"

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111 TO
FINAL OFFICE ACTION, MAILED OCTOBER 4, 2006**

Dear Honorable Commissioner:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on October 4, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

- **Listing of the Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper, and
- **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.